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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF WAR

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPORT ON ARTICLE 18 BIS (NOW SECTION I BIS) PREPARED BY WORKING GROUP, WHICH WILL APPEAR IN COMMITTEE II REPORT: BEGIN TEXT

QUOTE 1. WHILE THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED NEW SECTION I BIS ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AND UNCONTROVERSIAL, THERE IS STILL SOME DISAGREEMENT AS TO THEIR PRECISE CONTENT AND WORDING. IN THE OPINION OF THE WORKING GROUP, THESE DIFFERENCES SHOULD, AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE, NOT BE DISPOSED OF BY A VOTE, BUT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SETTLE THEM BY NEGOTIATION. TIME SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. THE WORKING GROUP HAS ALSO TAKEN NOTE OF THE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THAT TH TEXT OF THE NEW SECTION BE SHORTER, MORE CONCISE AND MORE EASY TO UNDERSTAND. IF THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AT ALL, IT IS POSSIBLE ONLY AFTER A VERY CAREFUL STUDY. BREVITY OF THE TEXT SHOULD NOT BE REACHED AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPENSE OF A MEANINGFUL PROTECTION. TIME SHOULD

THEREFORE ALSO BE GIVEN IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENTS TO STUDY THE TEXT WITH A VIEW OF ITS REDRAFTING.

- 3. THE WORKING GROUP, WHILE REAFFIRMING ITS ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED SECTION I BIS, RECOMMENDS, THEREFORE, TO COMMITTEE II TO POSTPONE A DECISION ON THE FINAL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED NEW SECTION UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION. UNQUOTE END TEXT.
- 2. FOLLOWING IS ACTION TAKEN BY COMMITTEE II:
 BEGIN TEXT QUOTE COMMITTEE II TAKES NOTE OF THE
 REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT
 CDDH/II/271, ACCEPTS THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH
 3 OF THE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT (CDDH/II/WUQ/ADD.2),
 FOR THE REASONS STATED IN THAT REPORT. UNQUOTE
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